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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tomoharu HASE)
Application No.: 09/145,982 ✓)
Filed: September 3, 1998 ✓)
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND)
DEVICE MANUFACTURING)
METHOD INCLUDING GAS)
PURGING OF A SPACE)
CONTAINING OPTICAL)
COMPONENTS)

Examiner: H. Nguyen
Group Art Unit: 2851
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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002, for three months from September 25, 2002, up to and including December 26, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.